

Society

by JEAN ELIOT

MEMBERS of the "Junior Cabinet," as the assistant secretaries of the various Government departments may well be called, like the "Cabinet," are taking advantage of the Fourth of July holiday for a brief vacation. The Undersecretary of State, William Phillips, is at Highover, his place at North Beverly, Mass., where Mrs. Phillips and their children are established for the summer, and is thoroughly enjoying his little visit with his family. The Third Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss are also in New England for a little visit and will be guests of honor at a dinner which Mrs. Grace Minot is giving tonight at her summer home at Fride's Crossing. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald S. Foster, son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. Frederick Gillett, are visiting Mrs. Minot.

German Ambassador to Sail For Europe Next Week.

The ambassador of Germany, Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, expects to sail from New York Tuesday, July 11, for his home in Germany. He will have a brief vacation and on his return he will be accompanied by Miss Wiedfeldt.

During his absence Baron von Thiermann, counselor of the embassy, will be charge d'affaires.

The ambassador of Brazil, Augusto Cochran de Alencar, is spending several days motoring, but will return to Washington this week.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, has gone to his home in Pittsburgh for the Fourth. Miss Alma Mellon is at Southampton, N. Y., with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Mellon.

The Postmaster General, Hubert Work, is celebrating his sixty-second birthday anniversary today. He will spend the day at his office in the Postoffice Department attending to his duties as usual. In the evening he and Mrs. Work will dine en famille in their apartment at Wardman Park Hotel.

Miss Helen Woodrow Bones is making a short visit to former President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

Congressman Joseph G. Cannon, Miss Helen Cannon, and Miss Helen Le Seure will leave by motor on Wednesday for an extended New England tour. They will go direct to East Gloucester, Mass., to be the guests of Mrs. J. E. Loane at her summer home and later will go to the White Mountains.

Mrs. Henry C. Corbin and her sister, Miss Helen Patten, will sail for Europe July 15 to be absent until November.

Solicitor General and Mrs. James M. Beck, who are spending the summer in Europe, have arrived in Paris from London, and are at the Plaza Athene. Mr. Beck is to lecture before the court of cassation today.

Brig. Gen. Charles McCawley, U. S. M. C., has gone to Lenox to be the guest of his sister, Mrs. Henry Winthrop Gray, at Sundrum House.

Niblicks Returning From European Stay.

Rear Admiral Albert P. Niblack and Mrs. Niblack have sailed for this country after an extended absence in Europe. Admiral Niblack has been in command of the American fleet in European waters.

Miss Rebecca Wellington, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John R. Wellington, will spend the month of August at Newport, and before leaving for New England will be the guest of Miss Anne Tennant at a house party at her home near Leesburg, Va.

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman is among the Washingtonians who are at Gettysburg, Pa., this week to view the maneuvers of the marines. She is expected back in Washington tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Wade H. Ellis is spending a week or ten days in Atlantic City while Mr. Ellis is West on a business trip.

Daughter Born in Tokyo.

To Capt. and Mrs. Larkin.

Comdr. and Mrs. William Manning Irwin have received word of



MRS. G. HAROLD EMERY.
Formerly Miss Kathryn Louise Elliot. Mrs. Emery, who was married this week, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Luther Elliot. Her mother, who was Miss Jean Taft, is a cousin of Chief Justice Taft.

the birth of a daughter to their son-in-law and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. Thomas B. Larkin, in Tokyo, Japan, on June 27. Captain Larkin is on duty at the American embassy in Tokyo.

Commander and Mrs. Irwin and Miss Anne Irwin will leave Washington on July 1 for their summer home at Osterville, Mass. Harrison Irwin, son of Commander and Mrs. Irwin, who is with the Cunard Company, has recently been transferred to Baltimore and will make his home in that city.

Mme. de Pena, wife of the Secretary of the Legation of Uruguay, accompanied by her children, has gone to Monterey, Pa., where she has joined her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hundley, of Baltimore. Mme. de Pena will go to Monterey the first of August to spend a month with her family.

The new counselor of the Chilean Embassy and Senora de Gana Seruya have arrived in Washington and have taken an apartment at the Wardman Park Hotel.

Jean de Fontaine, second secretary of the Belgian embassy, left last evening for New York, where he will sail on Wednesday for a leave of two months in Brussels and London.

Captain Rigal, naval attaché of the French embassy, is spending the holiday at the Chalfonte Hotel, at Atlantic City.

The Assistant Military Attaché of the British Embassy and Mrs. C. E. D. Bridge are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter at Mattapoisett, Mass., on June 28.

Senator Ralph Cameron has gone to New York, and is at the Waldorf-Astoria for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Davies closed their Washington residence yesterday, when Mrs. Davies left for Wisconsin to remain until autumn. She will be joined later in the month by Mr. Davies and their daughter, Miss Eleanor Davies. The latter is now making a series of visits in N. W. England.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee are visiting Mrs. William McClellan Ritter at Yeater House, her summer home at Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. Upsher Moorhead has closed her residence in K street for the summer and gone to Cape May.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parsons Erwin have gone to Mackinac, Mich., where they will occupy the summer home of Mrs. Erwin's mother, Mrs. Delos

Blodgett, during the absence of Mrs. Blodgett during the absence of Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin, who are building a suburban home just north of Washington, have leased Graystone, now occupied by the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes, for next winter.

Miss Violet R. Colby, of Detroit, who has been in Washington with her sister, Mrs. P. R. Vernier, for the last eight months, has returned to Detroit. Her mother will join her there on July 20.

Mrs. Longstreet to See Gettysburg Battle.

One of the observers of the battle to be staged at Gettysburg today and tomorrow whose interest will be absorbing, will be Mrs. Helen Dorth Longstreet, widow of the great leader who led the Confederate forces on the field most than half a century ago. Mrs. Longstreet was born after the civil war and was the second wife of the Southern general. Her history of the battle of Gettysburg has been pronounced by competent critics the clearest presentation yet made of Southern operations in that decisive battle of the civil war. Mrs. Longstreet will be accompanied to Gettysburg by General Longstreet's grandson, Lieut. William A. Longstreet, who saw service with the A. E. F. in the world war; Mrs. A. O. Howard, daughter-in-law of General Howard, who repulsed the Confederate attack at Gettysburg; Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Calvert, of Mississippi, and an escort of Confederate veterans who participated in the battle of Gettysburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Herter and Mr. and Mrs. Christian Herter, who have been in California for several months, are now at their summer home in Easthampton, where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Franklin Ellis and her small son have gone to Bar Harbor for the remainder of the summer. They will be joined there later by Mr. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell Sweeney will spend a few days at Round Top mountain, where they went Saturday. They returned to Washington earlier in the week from Montford, Mass., where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Brooke, and where their two children, Thomas B. Sweeney, Jr., and John F. Sweeney, will stay during their parents' absence in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney will sail from New York aboard the Olympic Saturday, July 1, and will be abroad until the middle of September.

Mrs. Duncan C. Phillips is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan C. Phillips, Jr., who have a house at Briarcliff for the summer. Mrs. Phillips was before her marriage last fall Miss Marjorie Acker, of Ossining, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln have opened their summer place, Hildene, at Manchester, Vt.

Mrs. Truman Newberry has gone to Watch Hill, R. I., and is at the Ocean House. Senator Newberry will arrive shortly, and they will open their cottage, Red Top.

FRENCH PRODUCER TAKES RAP AT AMERICAN FILMS

PARIS, July 3.—The American film is just in the process of formation, says M. Diamant-Berger, French motion picture producer, just returned to Paris from the United States.

"I found everywhere a touching urge to learn, to know," he says, in an interview in Excelsior. "It is a desire for art and beauty that is going to produce a race of artists."

M. Diamant-Berger characterizes American films as "arbitrary in incident," "naive in story" and "childishly refined in style." But he finds, nevertheless, a "second of emotion" which captivates the attention. "America is feverish, unequal, pretentious and often blind," he adds, "but the foreign observer detects in a sudden the germ of astonishing intellectual, moral and artistic possibility."

TOO MODEST TO BE RESCUED MINUS TRUNKS

ATLANTIC CITY, July 3.—Mixed emotions were experienced by a rather too modest to give his name here, when he was rescued in battling with a cross-current off Kentucky avenue beach, he lost not only his strength but his trunks as well. He resisted efforts of lifeguards to haul him into his boat until he could explain that he needed some clothes.

When properly clothed and only then would he submit to being saved from a watery and immodest grave.

BASHFUL BATHER ASKS RESCUERS TO DRESS HIM

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One obliging guard went to the beach, where he secured a pair of trunks and brought him out.

Was a Mother Tarantula.

DECATUR, Ill., July 3.—J. F. Mies, groceryman, found a large tarantula in a bunch of bananas. Attached to it was a small white sack. He placed the tarantula in a fruit jar and when he looked in it later there were hundreds of small ones hatched out.

ELECTRICITY IS NOW PRODUCING REAL COLD AIR

Same Force Which Provides Heat Is Useful for Refrigeration.

There appears to be something mysterious about our being able to produce cold by electricity—the same force which is used to heat a flatiron or light a lamp. As a matter of fact, the electrical "iceless ice box" does not produce cold by means of electricity, but only utilizes the power of an electric motor to manipulate the chemicals or gases which are the actual refrigerants.

Mechanical refrigeration is simply the production of cold by vaporization, or boiling. We all understand that when we apply heat to water it will boil away. Heat is absorbed by the water; the water vaporizes; the heat which causes this boiling is actually "used up" in the process. Now, a very similar thing happens in an iceless ice box. Instead of water, which vaporizes at 212 degrees Fahrenheit, a refrigerant is used which "boils" or vaporizes at something like 14 degrees or about 18 degrees colder than the freezing point of water. The refrigerant is a mixture of sulfur dioxide, ethyl chloride and methyl chloride.

One of these chemicals is compressed in the motor driven machine, and is condensed into liquid form. It then passes into a copper tube and begins to boil or vaporize. Since it vaporizes at a point considerably below the freezing point of water it absorbs, or "uses up," the heat from the surrounding air, just as water uses up the heat of a fire, and naturally this air becomes colder and colder. The process of absorbing the heat from the air inside the ice box continues as long as there is any compressed gas in the machine, and so long as the compressed gas is secured by the operation of a compressor run by an electric motor, we can control the temperature of our "ice box" by controlling the operation of the motor. This control is now made automatic. A form of thermostat and switch is devised which will start the motor when the temperature in the box rises to a certain point, and which stops the motor of again as soon as the temperature has sufficiently fallen. Thus when the ice box door is frequently opened, or left open a few minutes, the automatic controller immediately starts the "ice maker" and it goes on until the box is again at the proper degree of coolness.

Mechanical refrigeration provides dry cold, partly because there is no dampness due to the melting of ice, and partly because the dampness may exist within the box is quickly condensed into frost upon the pipes which contain the refrigerant. This phenomena is exactly the same as frost upon a window. In a room is damp during very cold weather, the moisture immediately condenses upon the glass and the room becomes relatively free from dampness.

Electrically operated iceless refrigerators are quite different from the machines with equal service from ice. Tests on household types of these machines show that a box requiring refrigeration equal to the melting of 100 pounds of ice each 24 hours, costs from 8 to 11 cents per day to operate, this expense maintaining the box at 47 degrees when the average room temperature was 83 degrees Fahrenheit. Comparing this cost with ice at 60 cents a hundred pounds, we see that the iceless ice box is no longer an extravagance, but a money saver, in addition to having the other merits of being much more healthful, convenient and reliable.

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THIS LETTER WON HIGH PRAISE IN CONTEST

Imagine electricity suddenly snatched from us. Would we miss it? More than any other single factor of modern civilization. Yep—we know not what it is—only that it is the greatest blessing an indulgent Providence has bestowed upon the human race.

How many stop to wonder about it. We accept its service as a matter of course, sublimely unconscious of the existence of this wonderful agent—until, mayhap, something goes wrong. Then we roundly curse the power company.

A great many of us consider electricity useful only to run street cars, factory machinery, and to light streets, etc.; yet, this most wonderful agent is powerful enough to speed the largest battleship and gentle enough to operate the tiny motor of the health giving electric vibrator. We do not fully appreciate the intimate things that electricity, used with the proper appliance, can do for us—those common everyday tasks that make work a disagreeable grind.

There isn't a single task that cannot be lightened by the use of the proper electrical device. In the home electricity will furnish heat and light, cook the meals, sweep the floors, wash and iron the clothes—yes, it will even entertain us with concerts and lectures taken from the air. In the office it will operate the multigraph, or addressograph, seal and stamp envelopes, cool the air, etc. The only thing necessary is a small amount of brains to direct it. The only thing electricity cannot do is—think. We are compelled to do that much for ourselves.

Isn't short-sighted prejudice, or the lack of ordinary common sense and progressiveness that causes us to do these common everyday tasks in the old fashioned toilsome way? Let's bring ourselves up to date.

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Elsie ran across Frances in the misses' frock section of a department store. "Good gracious, Fran, what's this, a secret trows-out? Why, I thought you never wore the dotty swisses and the frilly organdies!"

"You're right about my never wearing them, but it's not from choice," explained Frances as she gave the collar of her hot tailored suit of dark blue an exasperated hitch. "I'm like a lot of other girls, we're going to town in July and August in fuzzy warm suits. They're trying to cut down on laundry."

"Why, I've even worn a wool skirt and sweater on oppressive days because it only involved washing out a collar-and-cuff set. You see, we have an honest but unskillful laundress, and because mother is so keen about the honest part she has to do about half the actual work, washing out the nicer things and ironing all the particular parts."

"As a result I've just had to wear non-laundrables to work and dark crepes for work. The comfort of sheer, summery things is not enough to make up for the extra work it would put on mother."

"But now that's over, thank goodness. Today I'm on a shopping spree buying all the cool, light dresses I've longed for the last five years. Doesn't this lettuce green voile make you feel comfortably cool just to look at it?"

"Oh, dad got mother an electric washer and an ironing machine. With them, the work is five times easier. Six cotton dresses just about make one fifteen-minute load. Then, since she has been doing all the table linen, sheets and flat wear by

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DECORATIVE LIGHTS AID NEW ORLEANS CONCLAVE

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